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SUBJECT: ICRC PROPOSAL FOR MIDDLE EAST COMMISSION  
OF ENQUIRY

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ICRC PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING SUBJECT:

QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS BREACHES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ON THE OTHER, HAVE ACCUSED ONE ANOTHER, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC), IN A NOTE TO THE THREE GOVERNMENTS ON DECEMBER 12, DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO LEND ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP, UNDER ITS OWN AUSPICES OR THOSE OF SOME OTHER ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE PARTIES, AN AD HOC PORCEDURE FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF BIPARTITE COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. THE COMMISSIONS TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATERIALITY OF FACTS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OR INTERPRET CONVENTION PROVISIONS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. THE COMMISSIONS CONCLUSIONS WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

EACH COMMISSION WOULD HAVE THREE MEMBERS: ONE APPOINTED BY EACH OF THE PARTIES, THE THIRD BY THE ICRC OR ANY

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OTHER ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE PARTIES, CHOSEN FROM PROMINENT CITIZENS OF NEUTRAL STATES. IF THE ICRC WERE CALLED

UPON TO NOMINATE THE NEUTRAL MEMBER, IT WOULD CHOOSE A PERSON  
OUTSIDE THE ICRC, IN KEEPING WITH ITS PRACTICE AND PRINCIPLES,  
FOR THE ICRC ITSELF DOES NOT CONDUCT ENQUIRIES, THIS NOT BEING  
ITS TASK LAID DOWN IN THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. END QUOTE.  
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